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MA AO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, 20th April.
The promoters of the Charity Bazaar in aid of the Chinese Convent are entitled to a full share of our sympathy for the message out-turn of their worthy endeavours in a deserving cause. The Chinese community had evinced their kindly interest in the aim of the good sisters by defraying the cost of a huge matchbox erected on the Avenida Vasco da Gama and which by 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon presented a gala day attire, being gaily decked out with flags and bunting which showed to advantage among a profusion of flowers and evergreen garlands. His Lordship the Bishop of Macao, Dom João Paulo, and the Director of the Public Works, Dr. Miranda Guedes, were early on the scene. Throughout the afternoon till close on midnight, the band from the Salesian College enlivened the proceedings, but while after-dinner strolls on the park sought to make the most of the occasion to pass a couple of hours in light-hearted small talk, the tempting display on the stalls failed in their object and the whole affair dragged painfully. More bustle and activity prevailed on the second day and His Excellency the Governor, Senhor Roçadas, was present at the Flower Show which was held at 3 p.m. within the same enclosure, while besides the gentler sex flocked hither and thither on the promenade for customers for the stalls. The task of classing the various exhibits, which were rather limited owing to the short notice given, was kindly undertaken by Mesdames Roçadas, Ferreira de Sa, and Nolasco. The lots of plants from the Governor's summer residence, those sent by Major Rodriguez and others from the Chinese Garden, secured the preference, but the awards will not be conferred on the successful exhibitors till Sunday the 2nd prox, when a fresh attempt will be made to dispose of the bulk of the kermess stock which the sisters have still on their hands. The net proceeds of the first sale yielded \$800.

A general meeting of the members of the Santa Casa was held on the 18th inst. when the long-vexed lottery affair was broached by the assembly. A special Commission was decided upon to, concert measures for the revival of the main source of revenue of the Society, and the following were appointed: Messrs E. O. Lourenco (President) A. J. Bosto, P. Nolasco da Silva, J. C. Fernandes and F. X. A. Silva (Secy.).
Tenders for the Vaseung and Chim Pu Pio lotteries were invited during the week past, but the attempt has fallen through owing to the non-appearance of bidders.
After having led our place a lively dance for some time past, a gang of six notorious outlaws was very cleverly set upon and trapped by the chief of our native force, Leo Hing Sin, in the vicinity of the Steamboat Wharf, a few evenings ago. The desperadoes were well equipped with revolvers and the redoubtable Tai To outlaws.

Various influential people doubt the wisdom of the scheme of the China Emergency Appeal Committee, which asks for no less than £100,000 for the establishment of medical colleges in China, the promotion of education there by means of primary schools, and the endowment of a central university, and the distribution in China of the best modern literature. If it were not that Sir Robert Hart is the chairman of the Committee, few would be disposed to pay serious heed to the appeal.

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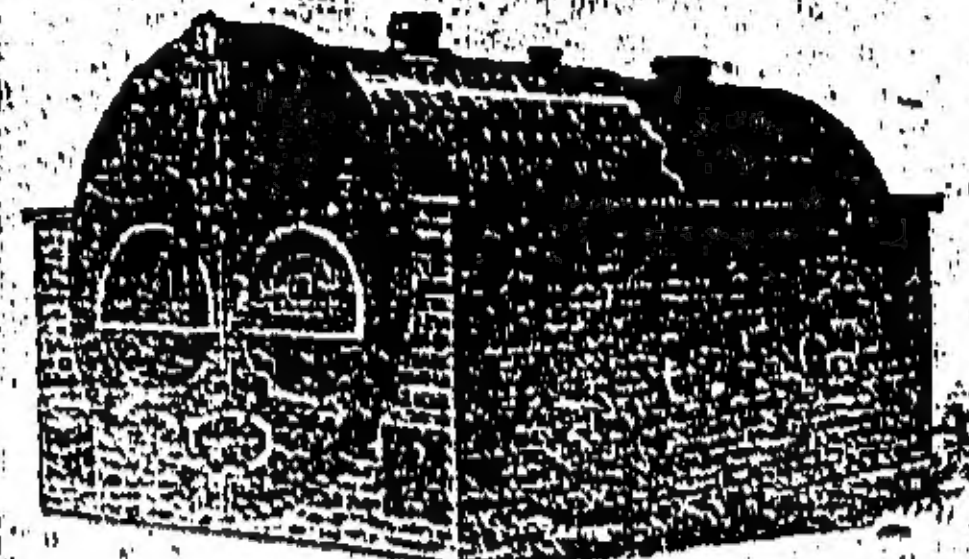
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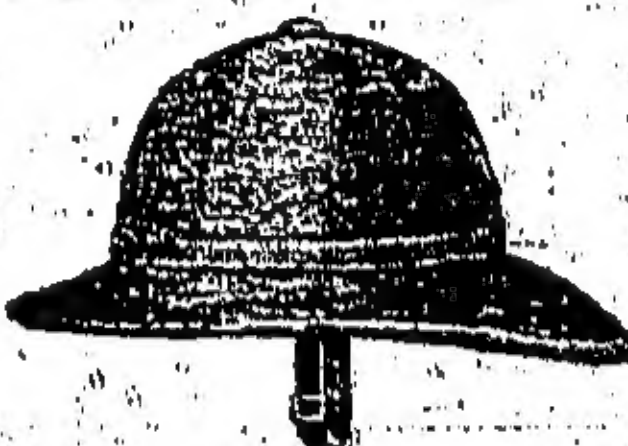
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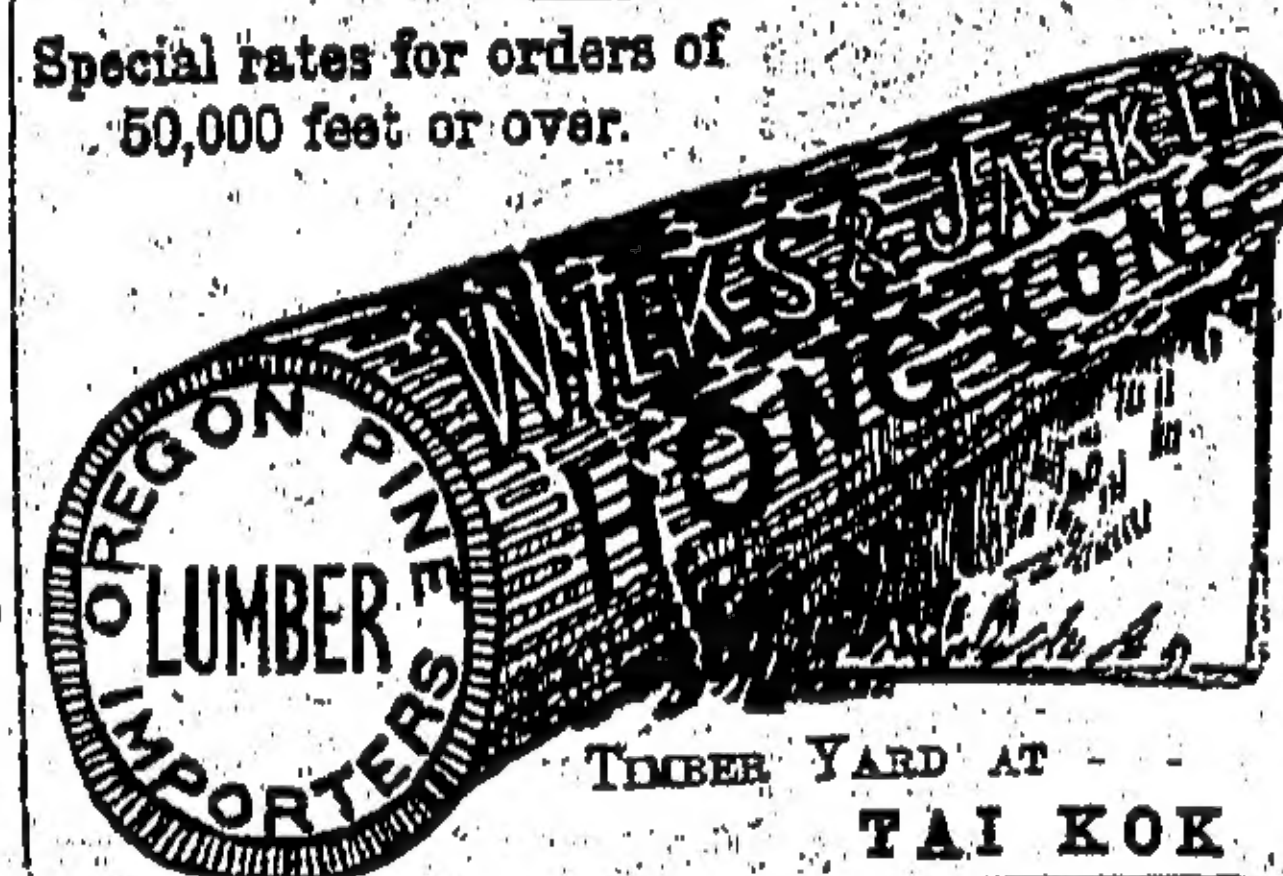
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 19.

The death has occurred at his house, 14
Barton Terrace, Edinburgh, of the Rev.
Robert Young Davidson, one of the first
British missionaries to Japan. The son of
the late Rev. Dr. Peter Davidson, of the
Davidson Church, Eyre Place, deceased
in his early years began a commercial
career. The work of the Church, however,
claimed him. After his studies were over,
he offered himself for work in the new
mission field which had been taken up by
the then Free Church in Japan. There he
laboured faithfully and assiduously for
twenty-seven years and watched from the
inside all the marvellous changes which
during that period took place in that
country. In 1901, being afflicted
with a lingering and incurable disease,
he returned home, and for eight years
bore the progress of his trouble with
the greatest patience. He has left a widow
and a son, as well as a divinity student in
the New College, Edinburgh. Two of his
brothers are ministers of the United Free
Church, at Greenock and Campsie.

John Stevenson, M.A., son of Rev. J.
W. Stevenson, of the China Inland Mis-
sion, aged thirty-seven.

NEGOTIATIONS.

Negotiations are in progress between
the Admiralty and the Dundee Harbour
Trustees as to the establishment of a Base
for Submarines. It is understood that
what the Admiralty want is the entire use
of the West Graving Dock, the use when
necessary of a portion of the King William
Dock, and storage accommodation in the
immediate neighbourhood, all at the west
end of the docks, and not now used for
Shipping. A Committee of the Trustees
favourably entertain the proposal, which
are the result of an inspection made on
behalf of the Admiralty in the autumn of
last year.

A curious point in Scottish law has oc-
curred in connection with the Stirling
divorce. By the Act of 1600, a marriage
is null when contracted by a spouse
divorced for adultery with a paramour
named in the decree. By Scots law, there-
fore, Lord Northland, cannot marry Mrs.
Stirling, whatever the conventional code
of honour in such cases may require. But
this disability only exists so long as the
lady remains domiciled in Scotland.

The King has been pleased to confer
the honour of Knight of Grace of St. John
of Jerusalem on Major-General A. L. Play-
fair, a well-known St. Andrews gentleman.
The reasons for the bestowal of this honour
are never made known, but it may be
inferred that General Playfair's great
services to his country while in India are
thus recognised, especially his labours in
stamping out the cholera plague in the
districts over which he had control.

Lady Dundee of Stenton has formally
opened a new theatre at Dundee—the
King's—a handsome building to accom-
modate 2,000 people. Later in the day,
Lord Dundee was made a Bonnetmaker
by the Ancient Incorporation.

The Countess of Seaforth has presented
a public park to Portknockie at a nominal
rent.

It is proposed to hold a Scotch Exhi-
bition of National History in Glasgow, the
proceeds to go towards the establishment
of the Chair of Scottish History in Glasgow
University.

The wills proved last week include Lord
Robertson of Portree, Scottish Lord of
Appeal, £40,000; Captain R. G. Enkine
Wemyss, of Wemyss and Torrie, £785,904;
and Mr. W. F. Malcolm, of Messrs W. F.
Malcolm, fax merchants, Dundee and Lon-
don, £232,970.

The triennial School Board elections are
taking place, and in Edinburgh and Glas-
gow the burning question is the provision
of free books to Episcopal and Roman
Catholic schools without representation on
the management of the schools.

Preliminary work has been started at
Royston, and a large amount of plant and
material had been placed upon the ground.
There were over six hundred three-penny
pieces in the collection plate of a
mission Church last Sunday, on the
occasion of a special musical service, to
which a silver contribution was a necessary
preliminary to admission.

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL.

The Scottish-Irish International under
Association rules at Brox, Glasgow, result-
ed in a comfortable win for the home team,
the Celts, 10 to 2. It was a very game.
The Irishmen were to match for the Scot-
tish, and from the start there never was doubt
as to what the result would be. It was
mainly a matter of goals. All that could
be said for the victors, who were out-
played at all points, was that they made a
plucky fight against big odds.

THE LEAGUE.

For some time past, the play has been
that the competition for the League Cup
should not be a 'title' game, the Celts
going ahead of all rivals. But the long
tide of Celtic successes against the Rangers
ended on Saturday after a remarkable
game; they were beaten by three to two;
and the result brings three clubs fairly
close together. It was a very game.
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Dundee accounted for St. Mirren by two
to one, although they had to play for
twenty-five minutes without Hume, who
left the field injured.

The place of Queen's Park is disappoint-
ing, after having shown good form in the
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

MONDAY,
 the 23rd April 1909, commencing at 9.30 P.M., at No. 10, RAFFLES ROAD.

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 comprising:
 Tapestry and Plush Covered Drawing Room Suite, Silk Embroidered Screens, Marble-Top Chimney, Engraving, Teak Overmantel, Water Colours, Lace Curtains, Carpets, &c., &c.
 Extension Dining Table, Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Wagon, American-Made Armchair, Silver Cabinet, &c., &c.
 Wardrobe with Glass Door, Marble-Top Washstand, Toilet Table with Bevelled Mirror, Writing Tables, &c., &c.
 On View from Saturday, the 24th April, 1909.

TUESDAY,
 the 27th April 1909, commencing at 2.45 P.M., at No. 1, SALMON STREET, KOWLOON.
A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 (Particulars from Catalogue).
 On View from Monday, the 26th April, 1909.
 Terms—Cash on delivery.

WEDNESDAY,
 the 28th April 1909, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at No. 7, PEARL HILL.
A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 (Particulars from Catalogue).
 Terms—Cash on delivery.
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either part of the season. Their last defeat was from the Glasgow team on Saturday. The Glasgow team was a battle day, with heavy casualties.

NEWS FROM THE HOMETOWN.
 A scheme is being prepared by the Council of the Congregational Union of England and Wales for the raising of a central fund of £250,000 for "ministerial support."

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE of the London County Council has decided to purchase for £117 forty weighing machines for use in the medical inspection of school-children.

A Walsh bard, Richard Owen, has just died in Festing Workhouse, in his eightieth year. His bardic name was Glaslyn, and many of his verses were known to Welsh-speaking folk all the world over. He was brought up as a quarryman. The Prime Minister had lately promised the old bard a grant of £100, but he had died before this could be paid.

The number of serious crimes reported to the English police in 1907 was greater than in any year since 1883. Compared with 1906 the total number of crimes showed a decrease, but this was because minor crimes had largely decreased. The figures were: Serious crimes, 1906, 91,865; 1907, 93,822. Total of persons convicted 1906, 628,444; 1907, 607,402. Offences against property, mainly different forms of dishonesty, make up sixteen-sevenths of the total. The most striking feature is the growth of frauds by agents, &c., which include breaches of trust, company promoting offences, and the like. There were more burglaries, but fewer burglars caught. Coining has vastly decreased, and no longer seems to be followed as a profession. The modern coin is merely an amateur, usually a skilled workman out of a job.

The appointment of Mr. E. G. Hemmings, K.C., M.P., to be Recorder of Liverpool, in the place of the late Mr. H. C. Shaw, K.C., involves another by-election, in East Denbighshire, where his majority in 1906 was nearly 3,000. Mr. Hemmings will seek re-election, and Sir F. Cunliffe will contest the seat in the Unionist interest.

U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT KILPATRICK.
 The U.S. Army transport Kilpatrick, with 1,010 officers and men, on her outward journey to Manila via the canal, is shortly due at Manila and will probably call at Hongkong. The Kilpatrick is bringing out many distinguished American officials, prominent amongst whom are Major-General W. P. Duval, Brigadier-General Arthur Murray, Colonel S. W. Taylor, F.A. Lieut. Colonel D. L. Brimand and Judge Sherman Moreland of the Supreme Court of Manila.

The *Japan Gazette* reports a sad railway accident from North-eastern Kyushu. The wife of a minor, with her two children, having missed the train at Utsuki station, North-eastern Kyushu, decided to make her way to Nagasaki by walking along the line. Whilst crossing the Wakamiya-gawa bridge with her six-year-old daughter on her back and her twelve-year-old son walking beside her, a train approaching from behind dashed into them, cutting the mother and daughter to pieces and hurling the boy into the river, killing all three instantaneously. The woman, who was enroute, was going to Nagasaki to worship at the grave of her father, who died recently.

MAGISTRACY.
 It is hereby notified that a MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE for the Colony will be held at the MAGISTRACY, at 9.15 P.M., on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1909, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor License Ordinances, 8 of 1898 and 8 of 1908, viz:

From one Olan Freeton for permission to remove the business now carried on by him at No. 24, Queen's Road Central, numbered 24, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "The Westman," limited, to premises numbered 14, Derwent Road Central.

Police Magistrate.
 Hongkong, April 19, 1909.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Quoted in Standard, April 18th, 1909.
 All 100 cwt. per 100 lbs. unless stated.

Butcher Meat.

Beef, prime cut—Malayan 12 20
 Corned—Ham Ngau Yak 20
 Roast—Shio 20
 Breast—Naga Lam 18
 Soup—Tung Yuk 15
 Steak—Naga Yak 20

Cutlet—Naga Yak 20
 Sausages—Naga Chang 20
 Bullock's Brain—Slow 10
 Tongue—Naga 30
 Corned—Ham Ngau 20
 Head—Naga 20
 Heart—Naga 20
 Liver—Naga 20
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MARRIAGE.
BENSON-WHITMAN.—At the Park
Church, Hongkong, on 23rd April, by
the Rev. F. T. Johnson, WILLIAM,
eldest son of John Little Benson, Esq.,
of Glen, Bellingham, Cheshire, to
GLADYS MAY (Queenie), eldest daughter
of Alfred Whittles, Esq., Cornerside,
Rale, Cheshire.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.
Meeting.
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong Electric
Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.
Miscellaneous.
3.30 p.m.—First Meeting of Hongkong
Gymkhana Club, at Happy Valley.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, April 26:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, &c., at No. 10, Kennedy Road.
TUESDAY, April 27:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, at No. 1, Salisbury Avenue, Kow-
loon.
9.15 p.m.—Concert of H.K. Philharmonic
Society at City Hall.
WEDNESDAY, April 28:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, at No. 7, Pedder Street.
Goods per steamer undelivered at Noon
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per steamer undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
FRIDAY, April 30:—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace at the Magistracy.
SATURDAY, May 1:—
9.15 p.m.—Library Concert at City Hall.
FRIDAY, May 7:—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.
12.45 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1909.

RAILWAY LOANS TO CHINA.

The North China Daily News blames
Grand Councilor CHANG CHI-TUNG
for the trouble which has arisen in
connection with the foreign loan for the
building of the northern section of the
Canton-Hankow railway. Our con-
temporary describes His Excellency's
hand as being in a piece of bad
fate, though it frankly recognizes that
China has every right to secure the best
terms possible when she goes abroad for
money. Japanese journals on the other
hand describe the action as being a bit
of smart practice. The history of this
particular loan is wrapped in a good
deal of mystery, and very few hints
have been dropped by those concerned

to enable outsiders to penetrate the
surrounding gloom and elucidate the
problem. That British, French, and
German bankers were originally con-
cerned is generally known, but what is
not known is the real reason for the
break up of the combination and the
subsequent offer of the Deutsche
Asiatische Bank to lend China the
money on more favourable terms than
the British and French financiers
thought advisable. Perhaps the German
bankers, with the success of their
methods in Shantung to guide them,
thought they were quite justified in
dispensing with the safeguards which
other nations have placed round the
loans granted to China, for railway
building purposes. But if so, the
Syndicate must have been disassembled
shocked when it was an-
nounced in Peking that China
was prepared to stand by her agreement
with Japan that half the engineering
engaged on the line should be Japanese.
This would destroy the value of the
reward to be obtained by Ger-
man concessions to China very
materially, for according to gossip in
Hongkong, Germany thought she saw
her way to pursuing on the northern
section of the Canton-Hankow line the
methods she has pursued in Shantung,
and there we know the reputation is
absolutely paramount.

THE LATE MR. MURRAY BAIN.

Funeral at Happy Valley.

The solemn and regrettable in which the late
Mr. George Murray Bain was held in Hong-
kong was eloquently testified to on Thursday
in the large and representative gathering
of mourners present at his obsequies. It
was one of the largest funerals seen in the
Colony. The interment took place in the
quiet and peaceful spot on the hillside in
the Old Cemetery at Happy Valley near
where Dr. Chalmers, the venerable mis-
sionary, sleeps, amidst the burying places
of many another man, who like deceased
had fought the good fight and sunk to rest
bearing a name justly honoured by all.
Owing to his having met with a serious
accident that morning Sir Paul Chater was
unable to be present, but he sent a message
of sympathy to the widow of the friend
who had arrived in Hongkong only four
months before himself.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the hearse passed
the funeral, the following mourners
being in close attendance:—Mr. H. Murray
Bain (son), Mrs. G. H. Edwards (daughter),
Mr. E. Jones Hughes and Mr. Grant Smith
(two of deceased's oldest friends),
and Mr. W. Nicholson. Here they were
joined by a large body of sympathisers,
amongst whom were the following:—
The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, Hon. Mr. W.
Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon.
Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Hon. Mr.
A. M. Thomson, Rev. F. T. Johnson,
Messrs. R. Shevan, David Wood, C. McI.
Messier, W. G. Humphreys, G. P. Lam-
pert, H. P. White, D. W. Craddock, A.
McKenzie, A. Shilton Hooper, J. I. And-
rews, C. J. B. Sykes, E. M. Hazeland, G.
Piercy, F. Browne, M. S. Northcote, W.
Armstrong, E. Seth, A. Findlay Smith,
F. Crawford, L. Lamert, J. Gray Scott,
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Jupp, W. Cruickshank, P. Loureiro, G.
Curry, E. W. Terrey, A. Chapman, H. F.
Campbell, J. Owen Hughes, D. Clark,
C. G. Klinek, D. McDonald, F. Smyth,
W. Humphreys, J. H. Underwood, A.
Forbes, J. F. Boulton, A. G. Gordon,
A. O'D. Gordin, C. Lafont. Deceased
having been the doyen of Colonial Press-
men, a number of local journalists attended
as a last mark of respect to one who had
had such an honoured career in the profes-
sion. These were:—China Mail: Messrs
A. J. Bellamy Brown, F. Hicks, R. Taylor,
A. Bryson, and P. Razzari and the Chinese
staff; Hongkong Daily Press: Messrs B. A.
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THE BUDGET.

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LONDON, April 23.

The Budget will be taken in the
House of Commons on April 29th.

READINESS OF THE HOME FLEET.

ENQUIRY TO FOLLOW LORD
CHARLES BERSFORD'S
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In the House of Commons the Right
Hon. Mr. H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister,
said Lord Charles Borsford had recently
submitted a statement dealing with
the readiness of the Home Fleet for
action.

The points raised were about to form
the subject of an enquiry by a sub-
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The Admiralty concurred, desiring
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CANTON-HANKOW LOAN.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 22.
The German syndicate is willing to
share the Canton-Hankow railway loan
with Great Britain on suggested con-
ditions, but the British syndicate does
not agree.

A NEW ENTENTE.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, April 23.

The Birmingham Post says that
Germany is working for an entente with
China, and is considering the remis-
sion of the remainder of the Boxer
indemnity.

TO ABOLISH EUNUCHS.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, April 22.

Yu Shun-tan, Governor of Shantung,
has suggested that steps be taken for
the abolition of eunuchs.

MACAO BOUNDARY QUESTION.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, April 22.

The Viceroy of Canton, in a telegram
to the board of Foreign Affairs, states
that the despatches forwarded by the
Macao delimitation question did not give
the right state of affairs. The Viceroy
now asks that Wan Cheung Yu, the
junior amban in Tibet, who dealt with
the matter at that time, may be directed
to come back and again take up the
question.

SMUGGLING IMPLEMENTS OF WARFARE.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, April 22.

The Board of War has issued in-
structions to all Provinces that in
case of the discovery of smuggled
arms and ammunition, action should
be taken according to the treaty, and
without reference to the Customs con-
cerned.

STRAINED POSITION IN MANGHURIA.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, April 22.

Chu Shih Chang has reported that
the position in Manchuria has gradually
become strained.

The Prince Regent has directed the
report to be read by Shih Liang, the
newly-appointed Viceroy.

CHINESE MILITARY REORGANISATION.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, April 22.

It is proposed to appoint His Ex-
cellency Tang Shao-yi as Minister for
the remodelling of the Army in Mongolia
and Tibet. This is a newly-created
position.

SIR PAUL CHATER.

The nasty accident which befel Sir
Paul Chater on Thursday will confine him,
to his home for a few days, the injury to
the knee and lower part of his leg requiring
absolute rest and quietness. It is fortunate
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UNREST IN PERSIA.
FURIOUS FIGHTING AT TABRIZ.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 22.
The Shah of Persia has declined to receive the Anglo-Russian Ministry owing, it is stated, to indisposition.
Furious fighting took place at Tabriz on Tuesday, when the Nationalists lost 160 killed and wounded.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN RACE.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 22.
The City and Suburban Handicap Race resulted as follows:—
White Eagle ... 1
Dean Swift ... 2
Lafayette ... 3

JAPANESE PRINCE ENTERTAINED.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 22.
President Fallières has entertained Prince Nishino to lunch. M. Picbon, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, was also present.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF SHEFFIELD.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 22.
The death has occurred of the Earl of Sheffield.

[Note.—The Earl died in 1815, and deceased was the third holder of the title. He was 76 years of age, and was unmarried. At the result of his death Baron Stanley of Alderley becomes heir to the Barony of Sheffield of Roscommon. Deceased was at one time connected with the Embassy at Constantinople, and was also attached to Copenhagen. He was a great lover of yachting and cricket and in 1892-3 took an eleven to Australia.]

TURKISH AFFAIRS.**PEACEFUL ACQUIESCENCE PROBABLE.**(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 22.
A Constantinople message states that the Ministry are sending provisions to the investing army, and are preparing barracks for the guilty. Already the troops which revolted are swearing on the Koran to blindly obey their superiors in future in accordance with the proclamation of Hussein Husni, the Commander of the investing Army.

The latest indications are... the Constantinople garrison will peacefully acquiesce in the demands of the Committee of Union and Progress.

The Navy, having taken the oath of allegiance, has been ordered to sail to the Mediterranean for manœuvres under Admiral Gembel, recently engaged as instructor.

TO DETHRONE THE SULTAN.(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, April 23.

A Constantinople message states that the Constitutional Army has definitely decided to dethrone the Sultan.

BRITISH NEW DREAD-NOUGHTS.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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London, April 23.
Eighteen private shipbuilding yards have tendered for the construction of the new Dreadnoughts to be laid down. It is specified that the ships are to be 30 per cent. more powerful than the original type.

THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES.**DEATH ROLL PUT AT 15,000.**(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.
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It is reported from Constantinople that 15,000 Armenians have been massacred in Syrian towns.

One Embassy has received estimates to the effect that 15,000 people have been killed.

KEEP THIS IN MIND.

BOWELL's compound is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy gives prompt relief. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

RE-HEARING OF EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.**Former Decision Confirmed.**

The re-hearing of the case in which Morris Bon, a commercial traveller, had been sentenced to two months' hard labour for embezzling the sum of \$300 from Dorra Jackson was continued before Mr. J. H. Kamp, at the Magistrate's to-day. The sum was stated to have been given by complainant to defendant in order to buy a draft for her, and it was alleged that he had decamped without paying the money back. At a subsequent hearing, however, complainant stated that she loaned defendant the sum, which had since been returned, and she wished to withdraw the case. His Worship, however, thought he was justified in convicting defendant.

Defendant, recalled, said he first met complainant at Hongkong, when she accosted him in the street, saying she thought she had met him before in South Africa. When he was arrested in Saigon he returned voluntarily to Hongkong, paying his own passage back. No mention was ever made to him of a draft. Complainant was in the habit of sending \$3 a month home for her child, and witness had conducted correspondence for her, but he had never bought the draft. Before witness left the Colony complainant knew that he was going away. After the first remittance was sent, he was informed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson that the draft had been withdrawn. When he arrived at Saigon he wrote to complainant saying he was sorry he could not say "Good-bye," but he told her when he was coming back. Witness knew that complainant was being served with a notice to quit by the police. Witness had never borrowed any money from complainant.

In cross-examination defendant admitted that he knew the lady whose photograph was produced. She was known as "Sarah Russia." Defendant knew that she lived with complainant at Singapore. Sarah "Russia" was one of his sweethearts. You were deported from Singapore, I believe?—No, I was not deported. You are not allowed to go back, though?—I can go back at any time I like.

Proceeding to answer questions from complainant's Solicitor, defendant said he had \$175 found on him when arrested. He got that through working for a firm. He had worked in Singapore, Penang, Tientsin, and all over the place.

His Worship—You must not ask those questions.

Complainant's Solicitor—What is your name?—I won't answer you. I object. If your Worship allows me to answer questions which are a necessity to my case I will answer; not otherwise.

Later defendant declared that he was a "Jack of all trades." Bertha Goldstein, called for the defence, said she had known complainant for about five months. Before the case came on witness was told by complainant that she had loaned defendant \$500 and he had not returned it. After the case witness asked complainant why she said she gave defendant the money to buy a draft. Witness could not now remember her answer.

Complainant, re-called, said she was in the habit of sending drafts home to Hampstead College. Referring to Mr. Gardner, defendant's Solicitor, she stated that she was divorced from a man named John, who was in college at home, she paying \$45 a year for him. She paid the money half yearly. On March 30th she gave defendant \$500, which she had in the house. She knew that she was losing the Colony, and not knowing where she was going, she had decided to send \$45 home in advance. That was why she had the \$500 in her house. She gave defendant the money at 10 o'clock in the morning in the presence of a woman who was now at Bangkok. Witness did not tell defendant what Bank to go to for the money. She did not tell him when to come back, but she expected him in the afternoon. She told him to make the draft payable to the master of the College. It was untrue that the money had been returned to her by defendant.

Mr. Gardner then what you said in Court is a lie? Complainant—No, that is not a lie. If I did not press the case I should get the money back. So when I came before the Magistrate I did not press the case. In reply to further questions, complainant admitted having been fined in Cape Town and also of getting three policemen into trouble for offering them money for protection. Dorra Jackson was not her proper name. She went under several names.

Did you threaten Sergt. Cashman?—No. Haven't you expressed to defendant that you were going to do for Sergt. Cashman as you did for three policemen in Cape Town? No, I haven't.

Mr. Gardner contended that on the evidence of such a woman as complainant it was impossible to say that defendant was guilty of the charge, and he asked that he be discharged.

His Worship—I confirm my previous decision; the old sentence of two months' hard labour will stand. I may say that my belief is confirmed by the straightforward way complainant has answered the cross-examination.

Mr. Gardner—Then may I make an application for an appeal to the Civil Court?

His Worship—You can send it in in the usual way.

THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

The concert to be given on Tuesday next by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society promises to be one of the most delightful ever arranged under its auspices. "The Wreck of the Hesperus" is a work of unusual excellence, while the other items, instrumental and vocal, are of very high order. Booking we understand is proceeding briskly.

ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAPE.

We understand a special treat will be provided for the children of Hongkong at the Alexandra Cinematograph to-morrow afternoon. It is to be a fairy story in pictures and will no doubt greatly delight the young folk. Miss Rose Barnes, the popular artist, still continues to draw large audiences. Notice is given to the large audience appearing in another column announcing reduction in prices for seats.

OPENING OF HUNG-CHOW.

In a heavy downpour of rain, which the Chinese held to be propitious, the Chinese of Canton, officially opened on Thursday the port of Hong-chow. Situated among desolate and dense, about ten miles south-east of Macao, the new port presented to the eyes of the visitors attracted to the spot by the unique event anything but an inviting appearance. A few roads alone have so far been marked out, everything else is wanting. The Viceroy's visit, we learnt from various of the speeches delivered during the ceremony, was to turn the first act of a new town which shall arise around the only free port that China at present possesses. It sounds very fine, but at present we have only the promise, nothing more. Eight gunboats under Admiral Li escorted the Viceroy, who on landing was received by a bodyguard of sailors and soldiers. His Excellency proceeded in his chair of state to a big matted, in front of which was erected an altar bearing lighted incense sticks and the usual paraphernalia, wherewith to invoke the gods of Wealth, Life, Sea and Heaven. The Viceroy bowed three times before the altar and then addresses which had been prepared by his Excellency, officials and merchants prophesying great things for the new port were read. These took some time, as an hour to deliver, after which His Excellency re-entered his chair and the ceremony concluded. There was a very large attendance of the general public, Canton, Hongkong, Macao, and several of the bigger towns of the Delta sending contingents, and those who did not find shelter within the matted, were thoroughly soaked as they stood patiently in the heavy downpour of rain. Despite the depressing conditions the scene was very animated and the ships were all dressed with bunting. But foreign observers are rather sceptical of the success of the new venture. Extensive dredging operations will have to be conducted before vessels of any size can use the place, and even then the facilities will be poor in the extreme. If Macao were to throw off its present lethargy we imagine that Hong-chow would stand but a poor chance of ever realising its promoters' dreams.

HUGH WARD'S LONDON COMEDY CO.

The Hugh Ward's London Comedy Company goes from success to success, and on Thursday evening a large audience greeted "The Prima Donna," a comedy drama by Mrs. Edwin Milton Royle. Miss Grace Palotta was seen at her best in the title role of Marguerite Otto and simply captivated the audience by her brilliant acting. Mr. H. J. Ward gave a remarkably fine representation of "Hans Otto," her father, and his interpretation of the part created roars of laughter. Mr. Robert Greig as Harold Hunting, director of the Metropolitan Opera House, too, was very good, while Miss Rose McGroove in the character of Jennie McGroove was very sweet. Miss Ruby Baxter, Miss Gifford, and Miss Wynneham also filled their respective roles with distinction to themselves. Subsequently Miss Ruby Baxter appeared in the sensational dance "Salome" and was most favourably received.

To-night "When Knights were Bold" will be staged. Saturday, "The Test Supreme" and "Young Mrs. Winthrop," while on Monday evening a grand pantomime and vaudeville entertainment will be given.

The play "Young Mrs. Winthrop" is a domestic drama in four acts, by Bronson Howard. It is a story of real life so faithfully portrayed that it is difficult to realize that the characters are only acting. The Winthrops are a young married couple who, after the happiness of the early years of their married life, drift apart and finally decide to separate. It is the usual story of a man kept on making money, unconsciously, though none the less surely, neglecting his home and wife who find the happiness and love her soul craves for at home rushes into the whirlpool of society to obtain compensation for her loss. The death of an only child does not even bring them together again. The green-eyed monster jealousy is not idle and it needs all the diplomacy and cunning of the family lawyer to bring these misguided, misguided young people together again. The character of the young wife is entrusted to Miss Rose McGroove, and wherever she has played it she has secured distinct success by the charming manner in which she represented her. (Act. Miss Grace Palotta, Miss Ruby Baxter, Mr. Ward and others have all good parts.)

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Capt. Willoughby, of the Government yacht Stanley, charged his amah, at the Magistrate's to-day, with making use of abusive language. A fine of \$4 was imposed.

"The only trouble is, my lord, that he locks himself up when he sees a bailiff," said Mr. P. W. Goldring, at the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the case of a debtor.

The manager of the Kung On Godown was charged before Commissioner Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, to-day, with aiding and abetting To Hoi and Kwok Sai Mei, to moor their cargo boats within 100 yards of low water mark during prohibited hours. Mr. Jackson having addressed this Court, the case was dismissed.

Recently Chinese have been seen by the police coming from the servants' quarters at the residence of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, No. 118 Plantation Road, the Peak, and when questioned they have stated that they had bought opium from a house "boy" there. Accordingly, said the result that 2 mace of prepared opium, 34 mace compound opium, 31 mace opium, and 8 mace of raw opium were discovered. "The boy" was brought before Mr. J. H. Kamp at the Magistrate's to-day and fined \$200 in all, or 12 weeks imprisonment.

THE ATTACHMENT OF A JUNK.

Considerable amusement was caused at the Supreme Court this morning, when Mr. Otto Kong Sing, who appeared on behalf of a client, sought to recover a debt from a partner of a junk.

Mr. F. C. Dixon said he already had a writ of attachment against the junk.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing maintained he could obtain judgment against defendant as one of the partners.

Mr. Reader Harris:—Defendant has instructed my firm to act for him.

Defendant was questioned by Mr. Justice Gompertz as to his interest in the junk and he replied that he only had a share in it and as a writ had also been issued against the master, his partner, the latter had consulted Messrs. Wilkinson and Grant.

"They are acting for other creditors as well as the defendant. We don't know how far they might be colluding," said Mr. F. C. Dixon.

"I am not acting for the creditors," replied Mr. Harris.

Mr. Dixon:—Someone in your office is Mr. J. H. Gardiner:—I also have a writ against this defendant and his junk.

His Lordship:—It had better stand over until to-morrow morning; Mr. Harris will then know for whom he is appearing.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—Mr. Harris should know now, my lord.

Mr. Dixon:—This man knew ten days ago. If Mr. Harris chooses to come here without sufficient information he should stand the consequences. (Laughter.)

Mr. Harris:—I should stand the consequences! Do you want judgment against me?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—My intention is to ask for immediate sale. I also have a judgment against this junk.

Mr. Dixon:—I am first, my lord.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—He is first, my lord; he attached the junk first.

The case was allowed to stand over.

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE IMPERIAL MERCHANT SERVICE GUILD.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
SIR,—Is this, our country's hour of dire awakening, we are gravely concerned about the Navy, the Army, and the Territorials.

But, as usual, never a word nor a thought of the dominant factor of all, the Merchant Service, and the Royal Naval Reserve.

Herein lies the root of the question. It is not of life in sanguinary conflict which we need consider in the first place, for we are confronted by the indispensible fact that with our merchant ships out of either wholly or partly, we will within the space of a week or two, be faced by the lingering horrors of certain starvation. And in what position do the Merchant Service and the Royal Naval Reserve stand?

Doubling firstly with the latter we have a force of nearly twenty-five thousand Officers and men, all practically experienced merchant seamen, who seem to be looked upon in official quarters as a necessary evil. In fact, it has been said by people of considerable authority that, but for outraging public feeling, the Royal Naval Reserve would be abolished to-morrow.

But to take the much more important question, that of the Merchant Service, the one battle between life and death, and what do we find? Nearly five hundred alien merchant ships, well over three thousand alien seamen, and all of them petty officers, while the glorious (I) Red Ensign is further stained by the fact that less than 37,000 aliens are serving under it.

In war-time we are informed that confidential instructions are to be placed in the hands of the masters of British merchant ships. What is to prevent these instructions innocently falling into the hands of an alien? The Admiralty have handsomely answered the question, which the Guild have put to them more than once.

The late Lord Ritchie, when President of the Board of Trade, declared in the House of Commons that, taking the question of a war between the Royal Navy and the British merchant service, it would be to deplete British ships of British seamen, and instead of being partially manned by foreigners, they would, under the then existing circumstances, be altogether manned by foreigners. To be perfectly fair, I may say that the percentage of alien seamen, in the British merchant service, is a little less than that, but the difference is not worth considering.

Add to all this that the merchant service is literally seething with insubordination and we can see the more realistic the terrible peril to which we are exposed, and we are exposed to any quaking of fear or of conscience.

Mr. George, when President of the Board of Trade, told us not long ago that there had been twenty-seven thousand desertions from British ships in a single year. Official figures from the Board of Trade tell us that, in the last official year, there were twelve thousand cases of "failures to join" on the part of seamen and firemen.

From all parts of the world reports from Captains and Officers of merchant ships reach us daily which, in regard to their crew and other matters, disclose with little distance of authority and utter contempt for law and order on board ship. These things are well known to the Board of Trade, the Admiralty, and to the Government. But when they are urged to put matters right they remain inert and allow them to drift along into the inevitable whirlpool which is of our own creation. If others, inspired by the high-spirited patriotic principles and possessing that foresight which, unfortunately, seems so rare, dare to publicly champion the nation at large, the Board of Trade tell us that, in the last official year, there were twelve thousand cases of "failures to join" on the part of seamen and firemen.

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The report of the general committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for the year ending 31st December, 1907, says that the expenditure exceeded income by \$572.67, an increase of \$986.12 as compared with 1907. The receipts show a small increase of \$63.35. Receipts from Reuter's political telegrams, members' subscriptions, and interest, less increases in market report and annual report sales of \$12.98 account for a decrease of \$224.77, of which the first-named item is responsible for \$186.42.

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Kobe and Yokohama	Sado Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	1st half May.
London, &c.	Aoyagi (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 6; Daylight.
Mar., Harb. & H. Burr	Bri-goria (s)	Hamburg-Amk. Linie	May 1, at Noon.
Marvell's, London &c.	Kanagawa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	May 8.
Mar., L'don, A'sp. &c.	Nobita' (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Apr. 28; Daylight.
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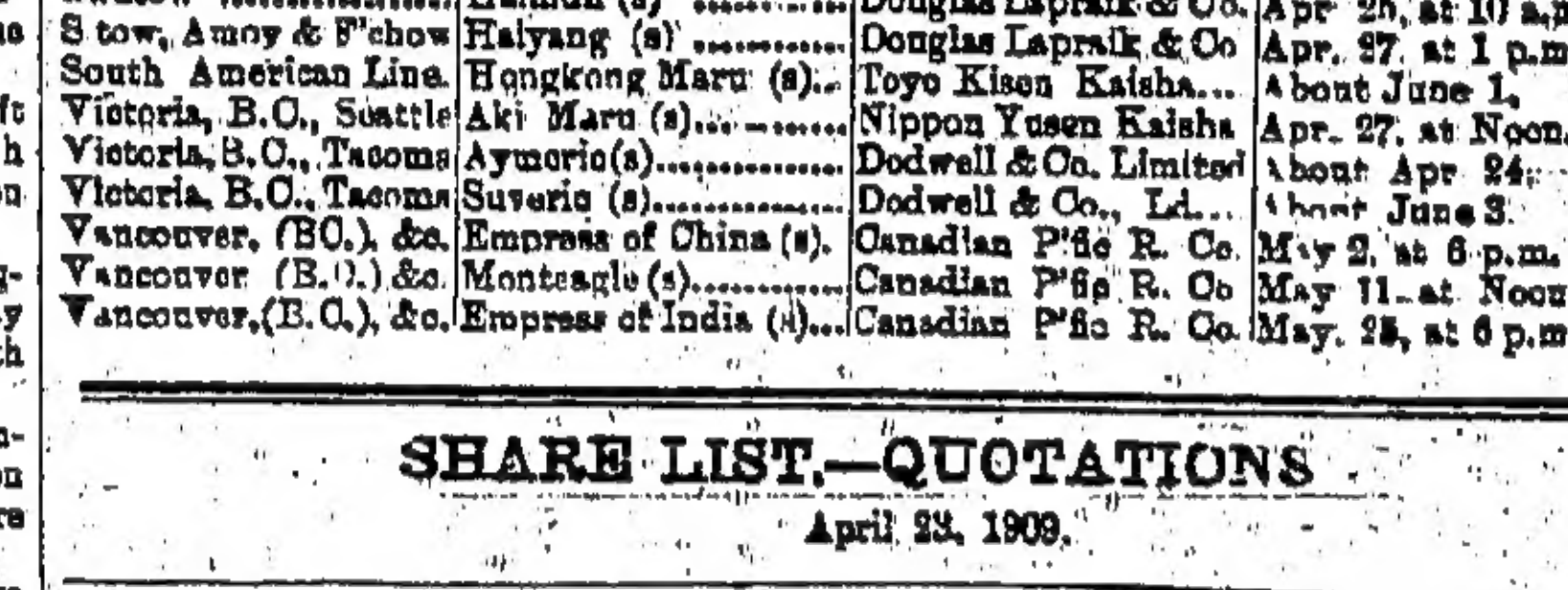
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Manila	Longping (a)	Jardine, H. S. and C. S.	Apr. 30, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Zafra (a)	Shewan, Thomas & Co.	Apr. 34, at Noon.
Manila	Rubi (a)	Shewan, Thomas & Co.	May 1 at Noon.
Manila	Tunging (a)	Sutherland & Swire.	Apr. 27, at 3 p.m.
Manila, A. Han Port.	Yawan, Mara (a)	Slopson Yuen, Kai-shi	May 14, at Noon.
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Shangba	Linan (a)	Butterfield and S.W.	Apr. 26	Daylight
Shangba	Delta (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Apr. 29	Daylight
Shangba	Salami, Kobe	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Apr. 29	Daylight
Shai, Moji Kaba, Yui	Gregory Apeia (a)	D. Sassoon & Co. Ltd.	Apr. 29	at 5 p.m.
Shangba, Moji & Kaba	Myori Maru (a)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Apr. 27	at Noon
Tientsin & Tientsin	Chipping (a)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Apr. 24	at Noon
Sapore, Pang & Coats	Fooksing (a)	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	Apr. 27	at Noon



	Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Price.	Lead- up.	Usualty by national banks.
	TANKER.				
	Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	£ 185	all	£840, sales 289 0
	National Bank of China, Limited	99,996	£ 8	R	£51, buyers
	MARINE INSURANCES.				
	China Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 205		£187, sales
	Onion Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 55.83	£ 25	£54, x div., buyers
			£ 5		£ 10, buyers.

Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	250	100	\$785, ex div., sellers
Yanchoi Insurance Association Ltd.	19,000	500	60	\$202½, buyers, ex div.
FIRE INSURANCE				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	100	80	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$335½, sellers
ROCKA, LTD.				
H. K. & W. H. Rock Co., Ltd.	50,000	50	all	\$79, sellers
Geo. Farwell & Co., Limited	15,000	25	25	\$11, sellers
Wong & Co., Ltd.		25	68	\$61, buyers

Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co. Ltd.	17,500	100	100	Ts. 80, buyers
STEAMSHIP, TUGS, ETC.	35,700	100		
China and Manila S. S. Co. Ltd.	50,000	25	50	Ts
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	60	all	Ts. sales
H. K. Co. and M. Steamboat Co. Ltd.	40,000	5	15	Ts. sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	50,000	2	5	Ts. 187, buyers
Har. Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	5	10	Ts. 25, buyers
Chia Tsing	10,000	10	5	Ts. 15

Sauk Shengpot & Trading Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	50	Tls. 50	all buyers
Tai Tai Tea and Food Co., Ltd.	8,800	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45
Shanghai Tugard Lighter Co., Ltd.	100,000	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 48
do. Preference.	100,000	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 48
SEEDS AND FERTILISERS				
Chien Sagar Company, Limited	25,000	50	Tls. 50	all 1873
Engay Sagar Company, Limited	7,000	50	Tls. 50	all 1873
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1323
WEAVING				
H.K. & Kwong Wai's Goodwin Co.	50,000	50	all	all 1873
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 166
LAND AND BUILDING				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	100	all 1873

Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	7 1/2	50	7 1/2	50	7 1/2	all
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	5	50	5	50	5	all
Wai-hai Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,974	5	50	5	25	5	700
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	160,000	10	all	10	75	82 1/2	sales
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	5	50	5	50	5	544
TRADEWATERS	25,360	5	10	all	10	814	all
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	60,000	5	10	5	10	5	123
SEWING.							
Société Française des Machines à Coudre	15,000	Fr.	250	all	7	825	buyers
Reich Anstalt für Weberei Co., Ltd.	200,000	5	1	18 1/2	5	5	all
TOKI, ETC.							
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	13,000	5	50	all	5	885	buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	20,000	5	15	5	30	824	all

DEBITORS.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	5	10	10	18, sales
Watkins Limited	10,000	5	10	10	83, buyers
LUMBER.					
H. K. and Overseas Co., Limited	7,000	2	10	all	210, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	11	50	Tia. 50	Tia. 115.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	5	10	10	114, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	5	10	10	28.90, sellars
H. K. Milling Co., Ltd., in liquidation	10,000	100	100	100	3, minimal
Best Western Agency, Limited	2,404	2	19/8	19/8	101, sales & buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	5	10	5	4, 121
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United Waterworks Co., Limited	50,000	5	10	10	10, sales & buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	5	10	5	618, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	5	50	50	58
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	18,850	5	20	Tia. 415	

H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	67,000	\$	10	all	\$54, sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$	10	\$5, 10	\$8, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls.	60	Tls. 60	Tls. 122, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls. 75	Tls. 83
Loan Keng-Mow Cotton Spinning	2,000	Tls.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 110

and Weaving Co., Ltd.	3,000	Ten	500	118	120
Soy Ohio Cotton Spinning Co. Ltd.	3,000	Ten	500	118	120
China: Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	300,000	16	10	104	140
China: National Bank of Commerce	60,000	13	12	111.25	sales & buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	112	buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	3	7	124	buyers
South China Morning Post	5,000	25	25	124	advertis

China Light and Power Company	50,000	100	100	100
Shanghai Laundry Company, Limited	50,000	100	100	100
Woolman Limited	175	100	100	100
OTHER COMPANIES				
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	100	100	100
Alphabetic Limited	500	100	100	100
TOTAL				
Chinese Imperial 1894	100,000,000	100	100	100
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